

HOLYWELL SCHOOL GOVERNORS



Strategy Group

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The Group exists to ensure that items of a strategic nature are discussed fully outside of the main governing body, allowing for a more in depth, focussed and lengthy discussion and involving those who are interested in this area of work.

Membership

Membership is not fixed as for the other Committees. Any member of the Full Governing Body can attend as they wish. Governors are encouraged to attend at least one meeting per year.

It is recommended that the Chairs of the different Sub-Committees attend, as well as the Safeguarding lead governors, but this is not a requirement.

Quorum

The quorum is three and must include the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher, with at least two non-staff governors present.

Meetings

The Group will meet once a term and otherwise as required.

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To discuss items of a strategic nature such as:

1. Future Planning – the future shape and size of the school.
2. Local schools' collaboration – relationships with other local schools and how and who the school is in partnership with.
3. Buildings and extensions – the future needs of the school in terms of the buildings and facilities.
4. Staffing – new structures and their impact and any other strategic issues.
5. Communications – relationships with parents and other stakeholders.
6. Crises' management – supporting strategic management in times of crises, making sure there is a strategy in place and helping the Head with any key decision-making.
7. Articles of Association – reviewing as necessary the way the school is run from a legal point of view.
8. Governor membership – the future shape and size of the governing body, effectiveness of the governing body, training, governor link roles and the annual skills audit.